

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 10, 2007

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 104

"Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors"

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Flynn, Vice Chair John Stilin

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Latha Sambamurti, Eva Moon, Kamal Siegel and Jill Krusinski

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Yelanjian, Arts Administrator; Meagan Farrell, Recording Secretary

YOUTH ADVOCATES PRESENT: Deanne Tockey

GUESTS PRESENT: David Mattson, Sabrina Yates, Ellick Hardwick, Erick Hardwick, Gary Smith, Miguel Llanos, Ruth Caspary, Helen Kelkin, Courtney Mingo, Alex Furrow

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Flynn called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:05 p.m. at Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 104.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of April 12, 2007 carried without objection.

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Move Youth Report to item IV.
- Add "changes in requirements to become a RAC member" Staff report as item C.

Motion for approval of the revised RAC agenda of May 10, 2007 carried without objection.

IV. CHAIR REPORTS

A. Chair Report – Flynn

None

B. Vice Chair Report - Stilin

Vice Chair Stilin stated the need to organize an executive committee meeting. The strategic plan needs to be finalized so it can be presented to council at their June meeting. Yelanjian will coordinate this meeting.

V. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Miguel Llanos from the Redmond Historical Society and Gary Smith from the Trails Commission spoke to RAC about Slough House Park as a potential arts venue. Property is currently owned by the Parks Department, but is in need of lots of work. The Parks Department does not have the funding to do anything with it at this time, so the committee will look at possible grant funding. The site has a strong native history, has a natural history and has an art legacy of Dudley Carter, Redmond artist. "The Hyde House" is a piece of wood art by Dudley Carter which is housed in that property and is in need of preservation. Llanos and Smith are not asking for funding, rather support from RAC. They would like a RAC member appointed to follow this process and represent RAC on the committee being formed. They are also in touch with the Snoqualmie Tribe about serving on the committee. Peter McDonald is the point person for coordinating this committee. Vice Chair Stilin volunteered to be a point person on this.

VI. YOUTH REPORT - Tockey

Redmond Light occurred last week at Redmond High School. A variety of bands played. The event was well attended by Redmond HS students, however students from other schools were not represented. Feedback has suggested that the event needed to be better publicized at other schools. RHS is considering making this an annual event. RAC suggested that they could possibly help with funding in the future through grant funds.

Tockey agreed to accept the proclamation for Arts Education Week on May 15 at 7:30. Yelanjian will work with her to prepare an acceptance speech. Tockey was encouraged to promote this event at school and recruit students and teachers to attend.

The age of participants for Summer Art Jam was discussed. Tockey offered her perspective for this, stating that 15 years old was a good age cut off for young participants.

VII. VOLUNTEER ARTS AWARD FINAL REVIEW – Yelanjian

Yelanjian presented the finished piece. All the awards will be delivered next week. Jan Sherwood can not attend on Arts Day to accept the award. The other recipients will be present.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS - Yelanjian

A. 2007 Arts Day

Yelanjian suggested that RAC hire cellist Paul Rucker to perform. The performance will last approximately 5 minutes. RAC agreed that she will draft the proclamation for this event.

B. Safeco/Microsoft Corporate Loan Program

Three pieces from Safeco will be installed in the cafeteria. Three sculptures from Microsoft will be placed in the lobby. The installations will take place in the late summer and early fall. ***There are three additional paintings being offered as well. If RAC can think of a place to hang them where the public would see them, please notify Yelanjian.***

C. ROS

There are 8-9 pieces that are going to safety review next week. Several pieces have chosen locations already. RAC needs to discuss an opening event for ROS. The tentative installation is August 20-30.

D. Arts in the Park

Publicity is being done right now. Yelanjian would like to have an educational component to this event. She would like RAC members to each choose a night and then introduce that artist before the performance begins. She would like them to call the artist before hand and get information that the Commissioner could share with the audience.

E. Requirements to become a RAC member

The mayor is going to recommend to City Council a measure "to reflect and approve the change of requirements to become a Board Member of the Arts Commission to include up to two positions out of the nine that can be filled by individuals who work in Redmond businesses, but live outside the City of Redmond." Stilin suggested adding a sentence to this stating that if they discontinue working in the City, they are no longer eligible.

IX. SITE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS - Yelanjian

Negotiations are underway. The Programming Committee has made a recommendation to move forward on the plan pending contract negotiations. Performances can happen anytime between fall and next May. Yelanjian suggested that RAC look at extending the Performance Series so that it occurs from the Fall through Spring.

X. GRASS LAWN PROJECT - Flynn

They have been contracted to make maquettes. Those will go on display about mid to late June. They get paid \$500 to do this. They also have to buy business licenses which cost \$90. RAC wants the Administrative Committee to review business license procedures.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Stilin

The committee is discussing grants and the strategic plan.

XII. PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE – Moon

No report.

XIII. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Moon

No report.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Two grant applications were received by RASP and Second Story. These will be discussed in the Administrative Committee.

XV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Meagan Farrell.

**NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:
June 14, 2007
City Hall Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.**

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: May 10, 2007

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

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